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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 7 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2006 totaled 275,000 head, down 7 percent from the January 1, 2005 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand December 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 48,000 head, down 7,000 head from December 2004 placements. Marketings during December totaled 50,000 head, down 12,000 from December 2004 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on January 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above January 1, 2005 and 5 percent above January 1, 2004. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.88 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 8 percent above 2003. This is the highest placements for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 575,000, 600-699 pounds were 554,000, 700-799 pounds were 430,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.72 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during December, 1 percent below 2004 but 1 percent above 2003.

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